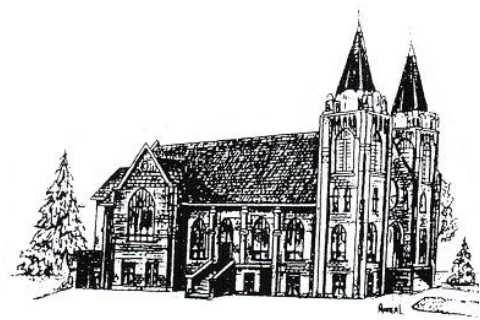


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2014



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Oct 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Harold & Leona Hemmesch
Oct 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 6	Monday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 7	Tuesday	NO MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary	
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SN	
Oct 8	Wednesday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 9	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Arnold Wehseler
Oct 10	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis
Oct 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ed Weismann

**\*\*There will be no Masses on Monday – Wednesday this week due to the Priest’s annual convention in Alexandria. Fr. Tom will be attending from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon.**

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas.  
Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.  
Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office for homebound or hospitalized.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Oct 11 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz Anita Neu Elmer Neu	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Elmer Vossen Jack Rausch	Anita Neu
Oct 12 at 8:00 am	Don Dufner Stacy Dufner Dave Stang	Brook Stang Breanna Stang	Elmer Frank Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** St. Nicholas will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm. Won’t you come and spend an hour with the Lord?

**Act-Oberfest!** Join us on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Freeport Community Center for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ton Dockendorf, the Mitchell Bechtold Quartet, Nathan’s Oldtime Band and community members will perform a variety show, including musical and comedy acts. There will also be bands, dancing, a silent auction, food available for purchase, and free refreshments. All proceeds will benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs. The Variety Show is from 2 – 4 pm, dancing from 4 – 6 pm. Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women.

**A Generous Donation:** We are very grateful for the very generous donation from the Ed Weismann Estate! Last week, we received the very generous donation of \$10,000 for our Parish to use in whatever way we most need. Again, we thank Ed and his whole family, for the very generous donation!

Stewardship of Treasure Sept. 28, 2014

Adult\$XXX (37 of 199 envelopes)

YouthXXX (2 gifts)


LooseXXX

TOTAL\$XXXXX

Votive Stand\$XXX

Basement Rent\$XXX (1 gift)

Stewardship Thought: We do not give to God because he needs it – he is complete without any help from us. We give praise and worship out of hearts thankful to him who knows every hair on our heads and wipes away every tear.



**Gospel Connection:** A young bride is planning her wedding. Everything has to be Perfect: The Perfect Dress. The Perfect Cake. The Perfect Day. But her pursuit of wedding perfection almost destroys her and her family, everyone overwhelmed by stress and worry - not to mention hemorrhaging money. The fairy tale wedding is becoming a nightmare. It is supposed to be her day - but, in reality, the "day" rules her and her fiancé and their exhausted families. They want to make it the perfect house. No expense is spared: the finest finishes, custom-made furniture, elegant landscaping. But the care and maintenance of such a beautiful residence take a lot of time and money. Every moment they are home is spent with improvements, additions, and redesigns. And everything has to be kept immaculate - it's hard to kick back in a house that is permanently staged for a photo-spread in a designer magazine. Is this a home - or a designer prison? He had worked his way up in the company - not only does he earn a terrific salary, but he gets all the perks. A lot of his pals from school are doing OK, but not as well as he is. There's just one problem: He's miserable. This is not what he wanted to do with his life - but one door opened after another, one opportunity led to another, and so here he is. He's making lots of money and enjoys what comes with it all: the great car, the expensive wardrobe, the club membership. And people like him. And, of course, it means security for his family. It's too late to do anything about it now. It is what it is. He deals with it.

Too often we are possessed by what we possess; our pursuit of our dreams takes us down roads that lead to nowhere: a couple's celebration of their new life together becomes a source of tension and discord; the dream house never becomes a welcoming home; a good job does not necessarily mean a fulfilling life. The tenants in today's Gospel are so possessed by their greed for the vineyard that they are unable to realize its potential harvest: generous compassion, healing reconciliation, understanding mercy. Jesus makes the point that we are not "owners" of our lives; that our lives are given to us by a loving Creator who seeks to give expression to his love in everyone and everything he has made. May we learn to let go of what we have in order to realize the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in our own piece of the vineyard.

**Religious Education News:** Class will be held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parish House at 7 pm. If you have not turned in your registration form and payment, please bring to it to class! Please see the “Caps for Love” announcement below!

**Caps for Love:** The DCCW and the Religious Education Students from our parish are going to be working on a Service Project for the National Council of Catholic Women called “Caps for Love.” This project will be collecting all kinds of hard plastic caps from laundry detergents, hand sanitizer, beverages, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, tennis ball can lids, grated cheese, cream cheese, salad dressing, peanut butter, medicines and so many others. Color is not an issue – save them all! There should be no metal on the cap and please remove all paper inserts. The money that will be raised will be used to help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children. The recycled plastic will be used to create new products such as plastic shipping pallets, park benches, plastic paint cans and many other items. There will be boxes in the religion rooms and in the back of church. Please make sure that the caps are clean! We will be taking donations to the end of the year.

**Living Rosary:** St. Nicholas will have our annual Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. The Religious Education students will be participating in the Living Rosary for class that day. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend. There will be cookies served after the rosary. This is a wonderful experience if you have never been to a Living Rosary! Please share this experience with us!

**Mass Times on Sunday to Switch:** Just a reminder to everyone that our Mass times on Sundays will switch to 10:00 am. This will start with the Mass on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Saturday Mass times will remain the same. St. Anne’s will then have the 8 am Mass on Sundays.

**Beginning Experience:** Beginning Experience is providing a weekend program for divorced, widowed or separated adults on Oct. 24-16 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This program is designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others, and God. See the back of Church for application & more info, or call 888-565-0178.

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: Annual Bazaar at Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake, MN. Polka Mass at 10 am, Chicken & Ham dinner from 11 to 2 pm. Afternoon filled with activities for everyone!
- Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: Beef Dinner at Church of the Assumption in Eden Valley from 10:30 am – 1 pm. Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Dinner to benefit the Faith Formation Program. Take-out available. Polka Mass at 10 am, Pet Blessing at Noon.
- Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: St. John’s Prep event Collegeville Colors. Come & hike among the spectacular colors of St. John’s woods while enjoying art, music, theatre & nature activities along the trail. Fee includes bouja & other treats. Register at 363-3315.
- Mondays October 6 – November 24<sup>th</sup>: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring invites you to “A Quick Journey Through the Bible” sessions. An excellent intro & overview of the Bible from 7 – 9 pm. Call Molly Olivier at 320-290-3088 with questions.
- Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Fall Mission Forum & Prayer with Sr. Mary Dumonceaux at 12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Followed by a presentation and light reception.
- October 11<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Women’s 2014 Conference at Holy Angels Performing Arts Center in St. Cloud. For more information, you may contact the Office of Marriage & Family at 252-4721.
- Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Richmond hosting Knights of Columbus Matching Grant Sunday Brunch from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. Menu is French toast, scrambled eggs, liver sausage, pork sausage, cinnamon bread, etc.
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Oct 16-18: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring having their annual “Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sale.” The hours are: Thursday from 2 pm to 7 pm, Friday from 8 am to 7 pm, and Saturday from 8 am to 10 am.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>: Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37

Wednesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4

Friday, Oct.10<sup>th</sup>: Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26

Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>: Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>: Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13